

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A pad for skin care comprising exfoliating elements (4, 24, 34-34', 44) wherein said exfoliating elements are distributed between at least one first fibrous layer (2, 22, 32, 42) and a second fibrous layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) of lower basis weight than the first fibrous layer.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the exfoliating elements form a layer.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 2, wherein the layer of exfoliating elements is evenly distributed.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in claim 2~~ The pad according to Claim 2, wherein the layer of exfoliating elements is distributed in a continuous or broken pattern.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in claim 1~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the fibrous layers (2, 22, 32, 42, 6, 26, 36-36', 46) consist of fibers selected from among cellulose fibers, artificial fibers, or synthetic fibers, individually or in a mixture.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 5, wherein the first layer (2, 22, 32, 42) consists of fibers selected from among the fibers of cotton, viscose, polyester, or polypropylene, individually or in a mixture.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the basis weight of the first layer (2, 22, 32, 42) ranges from 20 to 350 g/m².

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the first layer (2, 22, 32, 42) is a sheet of fibers formed on a machine of the Rando Webber type.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in claim 5~~ The pad according to Claim 5, wherein the second layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) consists of fibers selected from among the fibers of cotton, flax, ramie, viscose, polyester, or polypropylene, individually or in a mixture.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the basis weight of the second layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) ranges from 5 to 50 g/m².

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) consists of one or more carded webs.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in one of the preceding claims~~ The pad according to Claim 2, wherein the basis weight of the layer of exfoliating elements (4, 24, 34-34', 44) ranges from 2 to 50 g/m².

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in the preceding claim~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the exfoliating elements (4, 24, 34-34', 44) are selected from among

- natural organic products, such as strawberry achenes, apricot kernels, organic bamboo silica, or gourd silica,
- mineral products, such as beads of silica,
- artificial products, such as spheres of cellulose and methylcellulose,
- or synthetic products, such as the polymers polyethylene, nylon, polypropylene, or EVA.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in one of the preceding claims~~ The pad according to Claim 1 comprising a second layer of exfoliating elements (34') introduced between the first layer (32) and a third fibrous layer (36').

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in one of the preceding claims~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the fibrous layers are bonded.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in one of the preceding claims~~ The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the layers are bonded to each other.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in one of claims 15 or 16~~ The pad according to Claim 16, wherein the fibers are bonded to each other by hydraulic bonding or mechanical bonding.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A pad as defined in claim 15 or 16~~ The pad according to Claim 15, wherein such pad comprises at least thermofusible material and its fibers are at least in part thermally bonded.

19. (Currently Amended) A process of manufacturing a pad ~~defined in one of the preceding claims~~ according to claims 1-18, comprising the following stages: formation of a first layer of fibers, depositing of a layer of exfoliating elements on the layer, and depositing of a second layer of fibers on the layer of exfoliating elements.